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## GENERAL PEACE CONVENTION IN LONDON.

Our readers are aware, that the proposal for such a convention has been nearly two years under consideration; and the London Peace Society have at length appointed it in that city on the 22d of next month, with the probability of its continuing in session three or four days. Omitting their circular, we copy only their PROGRAMME of the proposed Convention, and add, that our Executive Committee, besides appointing some twenty delegates, of which a goodly proportion, we trust, will be there, have requested our President, and instructed our Secretary, or, in case of his detention, our Treasurer, to attend as *official* representatives of the Society, for the purpose of insuring at all events a fair representation of the cause on this side of the Atlantic.

**CONSTITUTION.**—The Convention to consist—1. Of officers and committee of the London Peace Society:—2. All persons nominated by peace societies and associations, at home or abroad, whether auxiliary or otherwise to the London Society:—3. All persons nominated by religious bodies or societies, and philanthropic, literary, or scientific institutions:—4. All persons appointed at public meetings of towns or districts, specially convened for the purpose:—5. All persons specially nominated by vote of the London Committee.

**PRINCIPLE.**—The principle on which the Convention shall be constituted, to be, *That war is inconsistent with the spirit of Christianity, and the true interests of mankind.*

**OBJECT.**—The object at which it shall aim, *To deliberate upon the best means, under the Divine blessing, to show the world the evil and inexpediency of the spirit and practice of war, and to promote permanent and universal peace.*

**RULES FOR THE CONVENTION.**—1.—The Convention having been properly constituted, no discussion of the fundamental principle to be allowed, but the attention of the members to be exclusively directed to the consideration and adoption of such means consistently with this principle, as may most speedily and certainly effect the great object in view.—2. That the Convention sit twice in each day, commencing at 10 o'clock in the morning, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; and that the Vice-Presidents be requested to preside alternately in the absence of the President.—3. That all original papers, propositions, and resolutions be submitted in writing to the Secretaries, at a period not later than the close of the sitting previous to that in which it is proposed to introduce them; and that all amendments and propositions arising out of business under discussion, be submitted to the Chairman in writing at the time.—4. That the Secretaries be instructed to report, at the close of each sitting, to the Chairman, the subjects upon which it is proposed that information shall at the next sitting be communicated to the Convention; and that such subjects shall be regularly disposed of before any other matter be introduced.—5. That as occasions may arise, committees shall be appointed to draft addresses, prepare resolutions, &c., to be passed through the hands of the Secretaries to the Chairman.—6. That no member of the Convention shall be allowed to speak twice on the same subject, except in explanation; or the opener by way of conclusion, in reply.—7. That all documents shall be signed by the Chairman.—8. That all letters and documents addressed to this Convention, or to the Chairman, be referred to the Secretaries.—9. That no new business be introduced in the morning sitting after half past 1 o'clock.

**PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS.**—Appoint the President.—President to open the meeting.—Secretary of the London Peace Society to read a short statement, showing the circumstances which have led to the calling of the Convention, and the objects contemplated by it.—Read, or notice, letters explaining absence, but not involving business.—Secretary to read the rules by which the business of the Convention is proposed to be conducted. These to be put by the President *seriatim*, and recorded as agreed to.—Appoint three Vice-Presidents.—Appoint five Secretaries, who shall act also as a committee to arrange the business of the Convention.—Read a paper on *The essential sinfulness of war, and its direct opposition to the spirit and precepts of Christianity, the prosperity of nations, and the true interests of mankind.* Adopt the paper, if approved; pass suitable resolutions upon it, as to the printing of it, &c.—Read such letters, or documents, as shall have been submitted to the Secretaries, and by them recommended to be read.—Delegates to bring forward business as arranged by the Secretaries.—Read a second paper founded upon the principles of the first, which shall treat of *The best practical means of carrying out those principles, and shall also particularly notice the suggestions which have been laid before the public by Judge Jay, and the late William Ladd, Esq., and state any facts by which those suggestions may be supported, or otherwise.* Take the necessary discussion upon it, and adopt suitable resolutions.—Read a third paper in the form of an *Address to Christian ministers, teachers in colleges and schools, and the professors of Christianity generally.* This address to be adapted also to the members of literary and scientific institutions.—The Convention to embody its final conclusions in a series of resolutions; and to give instructions to the Committee to found upon these, a general address, adapted for circulation both in Christian and other countries: also a more specific address to governments, members of legislative bodies, and public functionaries.

☞ **COMMUNICATIONS FOR LONDON**—should be forwarded, if possible, before the middle of the present month.

☞ The expense of a proper representation at the Convention will of course be very considerable; and, as we have no spare funds for this or any other extra purpose, we hope our friends will bear the exigency in mind, and send us contributions for this object. The London Committee sent their friends a special circular for the purpose. Any sums, however small, would be gratefully received *before or at* our anniversary.

☞ Our anniversary will be in this city on Tuesday the 30th inst., 9 o'clock A. M. The Annual Address is expected from Judge JAY of New York.

☞ **Acknowledgements.**—We have not, since the change in the form of the Advocate, acknowledged receipts from our friends; but, as we have always been wont to give public credit for what is contributed, we shall in our next number, or the annual report, insert all that have not already been published.